

2. The invention disclosed in the above-captioned patent application was conceived cooperatively by David Grabelsky, Michael Borella, Ikhlal Sidhu, and Danny Nessett at least as early as September 10, 1998. This date is prior to the effective § 102(e) dates of the references cited by the Examiner: Ylonen et al, U.S. Patent 6,438,612, filed September 11, 1998; and Danieli, U.S. Patent 6,510,513, filed January 13, 1999.

3. Accompanying this Declaration is Exhibit A, which contains photocopies of a 3COM Invention Disclosure Form that was prepared and dated prior to September 10, 2003 and discloses an initial conception of our inventions.

4. The dates from Exhibit A have been redacted. However, the dates of Exhibit 1 illustrate that the inventions disclosed in the above-captioned patent application were conceived at least as early as September 10, 1998 and constructively reduced to practice at least as early as March 17, 1999.

5. Our inventions were conceived and diligently reduced to practice in the United States.

6. We hereby declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States

Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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